

Tooele County

FACTS

Updated August 2008

Population

As of July 1st	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Population	48,956	50,075	52,133	54,375	56,536
% Change of the Prior Year	4.1%	2.3%	4.1%	4.3%	4.0%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee. <http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

As of July 1st	2007
Grantsville	8,464
Ophir	27
Rush Valley	581
Stockton	572
Tooele	29,460
Vernon	302
Wendover	1,617

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Labor Force	23,382	24,083	25,244	26,296	27,138
Employed	21,914	22,755	24,119	25,439	26,340
Unemployed	1,467	1,328	1,125	857	799
Rate	6.3%	5.5%	4.5%	3.3%	2.9%
Nonfarm Jobs	12,324	12,515	13,957	14,753	15,502
%Chng Prior Year	3.7%	1.5%	11.5%	5.7%	5.1%
Mining	29	30	29	15	17
Construction	541	583	712	758	892
Manufacturing	1,364	1,370	1,482	1,488	1,593
Trade/Trans/Utilities	1,662	1,670	2,568	2,964	3,040
Information	175	189	206	221	228
Financial Activities	331	315	314	332	349
Profess/Business Svcs	2,124	2,196	2,229	2,284	2,421
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	845	867	904	927	998
Leisure/Hospitality	1,164	1,082	1,198	1,332	1,412
Other Services	296	299	318	300	364
Government	3,793	3,914	3,997	4,133	4,185
Total Establishments	756	829	882	907	946
Total Wages (\$Millions)	409.0	428.4	492.7	530.8	574.5

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

In recent years, the character of the Tooele County economy has changed. With less defense related activities and relatively fast population growth, the county has become much more integrated with the larger metropolitan Salt Lake area. About 46 percent of resident workers commute to jobs outside of the county.

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As a close neighbor to Utah's capitol city, Tooele County has been growing at a rapid pace and is becoming much more integrated with the larger metropolitan Salt Lake area. The 2000 Census confirmed that about 46 percent of employed Tooele County residents commuted outside the county to work. The county's largest cities are Tooele and Grantsville, each about a 40-minute commute to downtown Salt Lake City.

Traditionally, U.S. defense-related activities have been the dominant force behind economic activity in Tooele. The Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Grounds continue to be among the county's largest employers. Several other large employers operate hazardous waste disposal facilities and mineral extractive operations from the Great Salt Lake. The county's largest private employer began operations in the spring of 2005—the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, a major warehousing and trucking facility in Grantsville. In 2006, the opening of the Miller Motorsports Park was a significant addition to the recreation industry.

Population

Since 2000, the Tooele County population has increased on average at a rapid 4.5 percent per year. The July 1st, 2007 population estimate for the county was 56,536 increasing by 2,161 over 2006.

Economic Strength

The Tooele County economy has expanded significantly in the last three years. During 2004, there were only 1.5 percent more payroll jobs. Then in 2005, there was rapid job creation increasing by 11.5 percent with the additional 1,442 new jobs. Most of this new employment occurred in trucking and warehousing with the new Wal-Mart Distribution Center, but there were also relatively large increases in construction and leisure activities.

While job growth in 2006 was not as strong as the year before, it will go down as the second best year since 1989. Once again, there was the addition of a new major employer with the opening of the Miller Motorsports Park. In 2006, employment expanded at a robust 5.7 percent rate with continuing strong growth in trade, transportation, warehousing, leisure, and construction industries.

In 2007 overall job growth slowed a little to a still healthy 5.1 percent with the addition of 747 new jobs, which brought the total non-farm payroll employment count to 15,502. Driving the labor market forward were professional and business services, local government (primarily public education), construction, trade, and manufacturing.

Home Building Subsidies

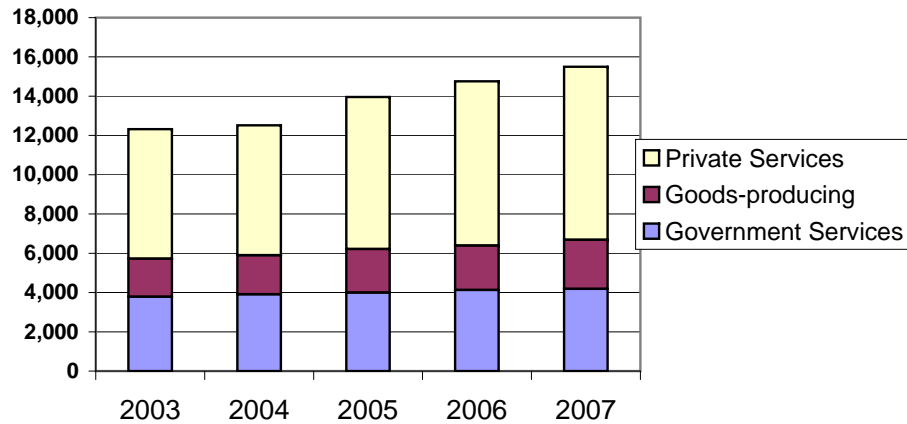
For the first nine months of 2007 the statewide home building boom was in full force with year-over construction employment increases above 17 percent in Tooele County. The last three months saw relatively rapid deceleration so that by December of 2007 there were 5.5 percent more construction jobs than in December of 2006.

The end of the home building boom was quite evident in Tooele County midway through 2008. From January to June 2008, the number of new dwelling units permitted in the county was 139, a decrease of 59 percent compared to the same months of 2007. In the spring of 2008, total construction employment, residential and nonresidential was down about 14 percent from the levels seen in 2007.

The Outlook

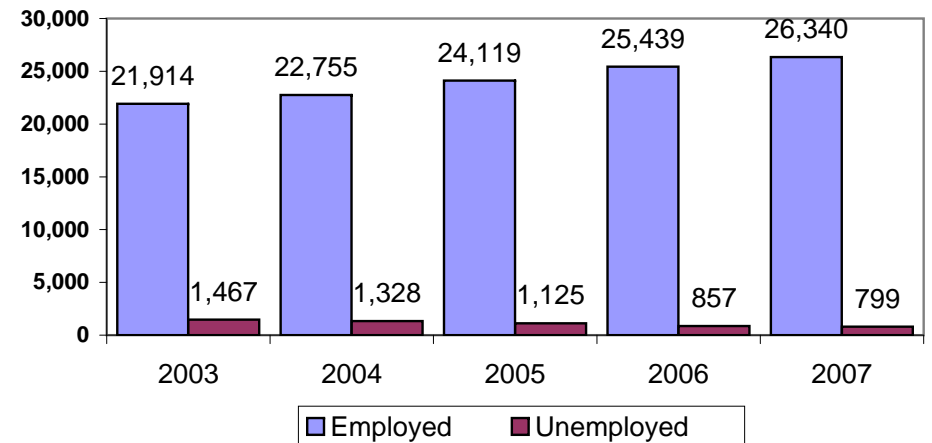
The end of the residential construction boom, tight credit, and high energy and food prices are a significant drag on economic conditions all across Utah. Overall, the Tooele County economy is not generating any net new jobs in 2008. Unemployment is still at a very favorable rate of around 3.5 percent, a rate that economists characterize as essentially "full employment."

**Total Non-farm Payroll Employment
in Tooele County by Category**



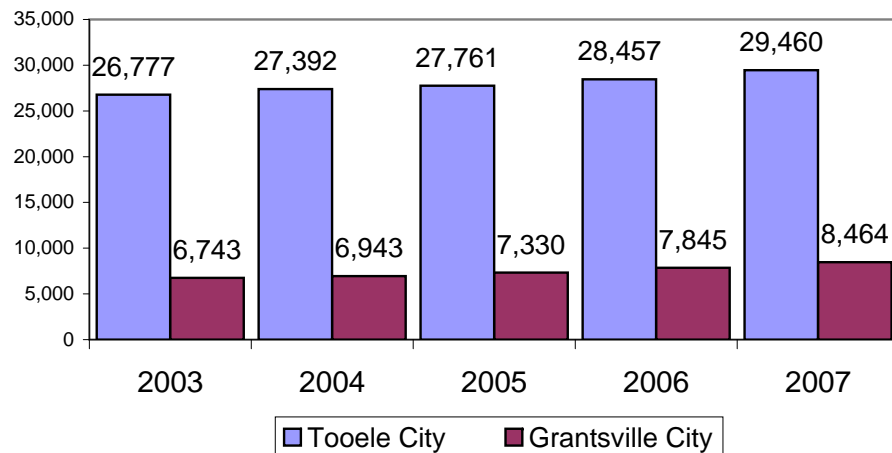
Goods-producing industries are mining, manufacturing, and construction.
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Tooele County Labor Force



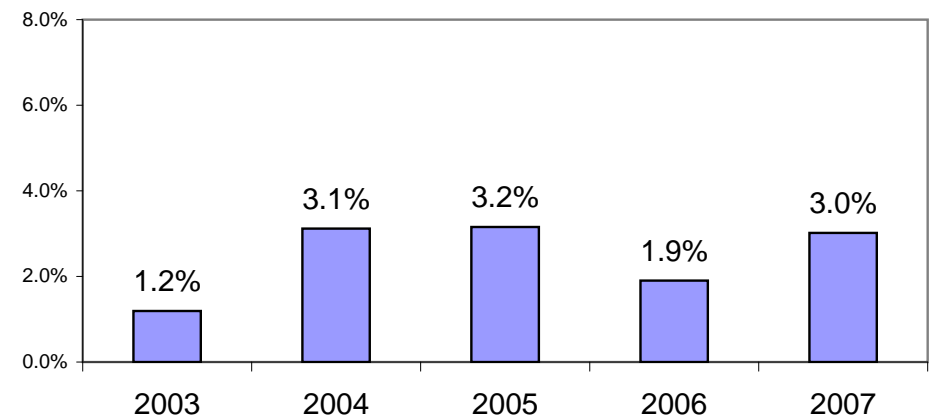
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Population of Tooele and Grantsville Cities



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

**Year-to-Year Increase in Tooele County
Average Monthly Non-farm Wage**



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	963.3	1,026.1	1,137.8	1,244.6	1,395.7
Per Capita Income	20,316	21,039	22,656	23,734	24,687
Avg Household Income from IRS Returns	46,454	48,723	50,938	57,043	NA
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	2,766	2,852	2,942	2,998	3,088

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income/>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

Sales and Building

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	325,234	418,310	447,670	559,612	548,127
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	119,864	93,603	149,257	163,201	173,991
New Residential Building Permits	412	568	738	680	557
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	48,276	67,254	92,666	103,134	87,157

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	29.8%
65 years and over	4.9%
Median Age	33.3
Persons per Household	2.87
Persons per Family	3.30
Female-Headed Families	6.2%
High School Graduates	92.5%
College Graduates	45.5%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	69.4%
Male Participation	85.3%
Self-Employed	8.2%
Commute Time (minutes)	24.8
Median Family Income	\$72,510
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$47,236
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$28,621
Persons Below Poverty	5.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://factfinder.census.gov>

Largest Employers

Department of Defense
 Tooele School District
 Wal-Mart
 EG and G Defense Materials
 US Magnesium
 Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing
 Tooele County
 Tooele Valley Reg. Medical Center
 Envirocare of Utah
 Jacobs Technology
 Tooele City
 Clean Harbors
 Miller Motorsports Park
 State of Utah
 Morton International
 Macey's
 Intermountain Staffing Resources

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalimis/gotoCounties.do>

Other

Population by Race	2000
White	91.8%
Black	0.2%
American Indian	0.3%
Asian	1.0%
Pacific Islanders	0.1%
Other	5.9%
Hispanic/All Races	10.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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